

## **H. Res. 57**

### ***In the House of Representatives, U. S.,***

*January 23, 2007.*

Whereas Illinois State University marks its sesquicentennial with a year-long celebration, beginning with Founder's Day on February 15, 2007;

Whereas Illinois State Normal University was founded by Jesse W. Fell in 1857 as Illinois' first public university and was established as a teacher education institution;

Whereas Abraham Lincoln, then an attorney, drafted the bond that guaranteed that the citizens of Bloomington, Illinois, would fulfill pledges to finance the University;

Whereas more than 2,000 staff members provide outstanding support to the educational mission of Illinois State University; and

Whereas Illinois State University has more than 165,000 alumni living around the world: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the House of Representatives congratulates Illinois State University as it celebrates its sesquicentennial.

Attest:

*Clerk.*